

Ship St. Peter Saturday Oct 9th off Long Island
 sighted land about 15 miles to the westward of Montauk
 point at 7 A.M. and at 8 P.M. was close in shore. The rest of
 the day we were beating up to the point. The weather is
 cloudy and cold with strong breezes from North & East. When
 we were tacking at 9 o'clock we carried away the main top
 gallant yard. We went to work immediately and made
 another and at 2 P.M. had the sail set again. At 4 P.M. we
 weathered Montauk light and at 8 P.M. the evening the
 wind hauled to the southward and we lay up E. N. E. and
 weathered Block Island at 11. Through the night we
 had a drizzling rain and a very thick fog.

Sunday Oct 10th

This morning the weather was very thick and foggy with
 light winds from N. At 5 o'clock we were told by the
 firing for a pilot and at daylight found ourselves
 close to an island which we supposed to be Rattlesnake
 Island. At 7 we made sail on her and stood N. W. by W. We
 had held that course but a few minutes before we
 saw land ahead and close to. Presently however a pilot
 came alongside and told us we were off Newport R.I.
 This was a damper. However we put her off to the south
 with our mouths rather low. Our hopes were revived at 9
 again at 9 when the wind got into the S. W. We put her
 around to E. by S. and set topmast studding sail.

After holding this course for some time we saw or three
 times we came near running ashore on the Hen & Chicken
 the fog being so thick that we could hardly see a ship's
 length ahead. After passing the light boat we hauled
 her up a little and in a little while were her two and
 commenced firing for a pilot. This time we was not
 long in getting one and as soon as he stepped aboard the fog
 lifted as it were by magic and being at the mouth of
 the bay hauled her up again and just at sunset we furled
 our sails and ~~for~~ ^{in a terrible squall} stepped ashore having been gone three
 years lacking seven days.

